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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

A COMMITTEE representing some of the big publishing houses were reported in Washington on the 9th to protest against a ruling by Postmaster-General Wilson in regard to second-class matter.

THE cabinet was in session at Washington on the 6th for nearly four hours. This long session gave ample food for speculation and the general impression was that Cuban affairs were discussed.

THE republican congressional committee was formally organized at the national capital for this year's campaign. Mr. Babcock was elected chairman.

SPEAKER REED and Chairman Dingley and Cannon have been assured by representatives of the senate steering committee that if the house can complete its work by May 1 the senate will not delay an adjournment a week beyond that time.

THE national academy of science at Washington has appointed a commission of scientists to make an investigation of the forestry problem in all its phases, and Secretary Hoke Smith will take steps to afford all possible assistance to the commission and will recommend to congress the appropriation of \$25,000 to cover actual expenses.

THE navy department is sending out to the navy militia commanders of the various states having such organizations blank forms for the collection of information respecting the topography and physical features of their respective localities for military use.

GENERAL NEWS.

A BLOCK of ten brick dwelling houses was destroyed by fire at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 9th. A fireman was injured by falling from the roof but will recover.

A WAREHOUSE belonging to the Union Warehouse Co. was burned at Louisville, Ky., on the 9th. Loss, \$175,000 on contents and \$30,000 on building; fully insured.

THE residence of ex-Congressman Giddings was burned at Brenham, Tex., on the 9th and two firemen were badly injured by a wall falling on them. Loss, \$35,000; insurance, \$13,000.

A RECENT letter from Cuba stated that in order to reduce the overcrowding of prisoners the Spanish take out a regular draft and shoot them dead. As many as 23 at one time were killed and the prisoners drew lots to see who should be victims.

A PASSENGER train on the Rock Island road near Joliet, Ill., was held up by three men recently. They succeeded in going through the first car, but a passenger in the second car blazed away at them with two revolvers and they jumped off the train.

ANOTHER anti-American riot occurred at Bilbao, Spain, on the 8th. The mob stoned the private residence of the United States consul and tried to tear down the esplanade on the consulate, but were repelled by the gendarmes. A fight ensued and many were hurt on both sides.

At Pantanguishene, Ont., the three children of James Beausoliel were left locked in the house while the parents went to see a neighbor. The house took fire, and before assistance could be given the children were burned to death.

ACTORS Will Long and John West fought a duel on the stage of White's opera house at Marion, Ind., after the close of a performance there, recently and Long received wounds which may prove fatal. West escaping unhurt. The whole company was arrested.

News reached Oklahoma City, Ok., on the 9th that a schoolhouse 12 miles away in which a colored school was giving a concert, was blown up with dynamite. The school was "borrowed" from the whites for the occasion, and it was believed that white boys who attended the school applied the explosives. A great number were slightly injured, but no deaths ensued.

BALLINGTON BOOTH and his wife commenced active work on the 9th in their new religious movement, called the Defenders' league. Many soldiers of the regular Salvation army have volunteered their services. Mr. and Mrs. Booth are planning a tour of the leading cities of the country to publicly present at large meetings their plans of religious work, and then organize branches.

CAREFULLY concealed in a barrel and covered with a mass of old rags and cotton, the dead bodies of a gray-haired man and a newborn babe were found in an alley in Hyde park, Chicago, on the 8th. In consequence, the police are working on what they consider a double murder.

THE Congregational church council at Oakland, Cal., sitting on the trial of Rev. Dr. Brown, who was charged with undue intimacy with Miss Overman, passed resolutions vindicating Dr. Brown.

THIRTY buildings were consumed by fire at Snow Hill, Md., on the 6th. The damage was estimated at \$15,000.

A MANIAC, who alighted from a train at Brockton, Ont., on the 9th shot eight men. One man, Peter Moore, died, and Chief of Police Rose was fatally wounded. The maniac himself was shot through the body. He made a terrible fight. His name was said to be LaPointe.

At Kennerlyville, N. C., a fight between revenue officers and moonshiners resulted in two of the latter being killed and two officers being seriously wounded.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL HANCOCK, of New York, has instituted an action against Armour & Co., of Chicago, to recover penalties amounting to \$5,700,000 for alleged violation of the state law in selling oleomargarine in different places throughout the state during the past six or seven years.

FIDEL G. PIERRA, chairman of the press committee of the Cuban junta at New York, was seeking to raise \$1,000,000 by contributions for the insurgent cause.

SEVENTY-TWO pilgrims left Philadelphia for the Holy Land recently, to spend the remainder of their lives in worshipping amid the scenes of the early Christians.

GEORGE REEDER, a notorious outlaw and member of the Dalton gang of outlaws, has been captured at Pawnee, I. T. He is said to be the last member of the once noted gang of desperadoes.

A BAD head-end collision occurred on the electric road between Kirkwood and St. Louis on the 8th in which four men were probably fatally wounded and about 50 others more or less hurt. Disobedience of orders was the cause.

J. H. McVICKER, the well known theatrical manager, died at Chicago on the 7th, aged 74. He was stricken with paralysis a short time ago.

BALLINGTON BOOTH, the deposed commander of the Salvation army in America, met with an enthusiastic reception at New York on the 8th and took the inaugural step of forming a rival organization on lines similar to the Salvation army.

THE London Statist, a financial weekly, says that Spain has already had to borrow to pay the interest on her debt and that the operations in Cuba are draining her life blood and adding enormously to her debt and that she may have to acknowledge that she is bankrupt.

STEPHEN POWELL, a well known merchant of Hempstead, L. I., was struck down and killed within a few feet of his own door late on the night of the 7th. Mr. Powell was in the habit of carrying a large sum of money, and it was thought that robbery was the object of the murder. The murderers were interrupted in their work, however, and secured no booty.

A STREET car at Memphis, Tenn., jumped the track at the bridge, tore the side rail away and tumbled into the bayou, 15 feet down. Several persons were hurt, two of whom will die.

REPRESENTATIVES of Gov. McKinley have secured the exposition building at St. Louis for the entire week of the convention and it will be used as the headquarters of the McKinley forces.

MARQUIS DI RUINI will succeed Count Crispien as premier of Italy.

A MUSKOGEE, I. T., dispatch said that Judge Springer, of the Northern district of the United States for the Indian territory, has decided that the Cherokee intruders have no right in the Indian courts. This will deprive the white settlers of any means of redressing their grievances or settling their disputes and leaves them at the mercy of the Indians who own the lands.

MRS. WILLIAM LIGON was snatched from the bedside of her husband by a negro at Mayfield, Ky., on the night of the 7th and borne by him to the yard, where he attempted to assault her. The husband was awakened by his wife's screams and, armed with a shovel, he beat the negro until he let go his grasp and escaped.

NINETEEN counties in Wisconsin have held conventions and all the delegates are for McKinley.

"ONE thousand dollars to one on McKinley," shouted C. W. Ray, proprietor of the Hotel Arno at Washington on the 8th. Mr. Ray waved his roll of bills in the air and then found himself lying on the sidewalk with a gash in his face. His consciousness and his wife disappeared at the same moment, for when he was helped into a drug store he could not tell who had taken his bet so suddenly. Two rough-looking men had been near him when he flashed his roll.

A DISASTROUS fire occurred in the business district of Laporte, Ind., on the night of the 7th, destroying \$50,000 worth of property. Several firemen and citizens were hurt. While the fire was in progress M. and E. H. Cohen were arrested for starting it. It was said that they had increased their insurance a week ago to twice the value of their stock and the infuriated people threatened to lynch them.

JAMES W. SHERIDAN, a wealthy brewer, was held up on Ashland boulevard, Chicago, and relieved of his watch and valuable pin and \$500 in cash. The peculiarity about the case was that the holdup occurred early in the evening, and several of the victim's friends passed him and said "Good evening" and were answered back while the holdup was going on.

KING HUMBERT, of Italy, has ordered Signor Franzoni to undertake a mission to Abyssinia to try and conclude an honorable peace. The report that Premier Crispien was assassinated in Rome proved to be unfounded. Late telegrams seemed to clear Gen. Barateri of the charge of disloyalty.

THE annual negro conference at Tuscoogee, Ala., which opened on the 5th was in many respects the most notable gathering of the kind ever assembled in America. Representative men of the race exchanged views as to their respective industrial, educational and religious condition, and endeavored to devise a remedy for the evils now barring the progress of the race.

GOV. GREENHALGH died on the 5th at Lowell, Mass. He had been elected governor of Massachusetts three times and had served in congress.

A FIRE in the Galvin building on Laight street, N. Y., caused a loss of \$300,000.

THE Iowa legislature passed a law providing severe penalties for selling cigarettes to any person, except by jobbers to parties outside the state, also fixing a fine of \$500 and six months' imprisonment for running an opium den.

THERE were renewed demonstrations of hostility to the United States at Valencia, Alicante and Dolores. The news of the insult offered to the Spanish flag by the students of Princeton (N. J.) university produced the greatest indignation in Madrid.

MRS. E. ODELL, a farmer's wife near Geneva, Ala., was burning some trash on the 8th, when a spark ignited her skirt and burned her so that she died. While she lay suffering agonies she was forced to witness three large hogs devour her two-months-old child, which she had laid on the ground while she worked.

THE clearing house returns for the week ended March 6 for the following cities were: New York, \$611,088,928; Chicago, \$292,405,238; St. Louis, \$23,228,531; Kansas City, \$9,537,291; St. Joseph, \$1,453,329; Topeka, \$414,056; Wichita, \$436,286; Omaha, \$4,280,495.

PHILIP J. A. HAMPER, the retired senior member of the celebrated publishing firm, died at New York on the 6th of heart and kidney troubles, aged 72 years.

FIRE destroyed the main stable of the Hudson River Driving park, near Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in which were 32 blooded horses valued at \$1,000 to \$5,000 each. The stablemen turned the horses loose. The loss on the stable amounted to \$25,000.

THE failures for the week ended March 6 (Dun's report) were 285 in the United States, against 234 last year, and 68 in Canada, against 58 last year.

THE under-graduates of Princeton, N. J., on the 5th burned in effigy the king of Spain in a demonstration in which several hundred took part. The flag of Spain was drawn through the main street and later was torn to pieces in the center of the campus.

A STEAMER from Japan has brought news of a coup d'etat at Seoul, Korea, the king forming a new government and beheading eight of his former cabinet ministers. The Japanese papers attribute the king's action to the influence of the Russian minister.

THE Italian ministry announced its resignation in the chamber of deputies on the 5th and Premier Crispien added that it had been accepted by the king.

THE New York chamber of commerce has sent out an appeal to the commercial bodies and business men of the United States to unite in a vigorous effort to send delegates to the political conventions who will advocate clear and distinct platform utterances in favor of the maintenance of the gold standard.

IN the United States court at El Reno, Ok., Juan Rose and John Thomas were each fined \$1,000 for going upon the Comanche Indian reservation without leave. They came under the intruders clause. This is the first fine ever imposed and the prosecution was begun at the direction of the Indian agent.

A CROWD at Leadville, Col., recently got a Spanish flag and burned it, singing patriotic tunes while the operation was going on.

THE high school building at Chattanooga, Tenn., costing over \$75,000 has been destroyed by fire.

A SPECIAL to the New York World from Washington on the 5th said that it was likely that President Cleveland would send a military commission to Cuba to report on the condition of affairs there, and that Gen. Wesley Merritt, commander of the department of the Missouri, was likely to be detailed for the purpose.

ALL over Italy on the 4th there were riotous meetings and open resentment against the government for its management of the Abyssinian campaign. The ministry had resolved to resign rather than face the crisis. Some soldiers being sent to the relief of the army in Abyssinia were forced out of the cars at Pavia and the rails torn up and the soldiers made to promise not to leave town.

THE Keely Motor Co., held a meeting at Philadelphia and announced that the mysterious inventor wanted to have his discoveries patented and that his vibratory engine would soon be on the market.

SEVERAL fine blocks and a number of residences were burned at Johnstown, Pa., at midnight of the 4th. Twelve fire companies were called out and several firemen were injured. The losses amounted to over \$100,000.

THE National Association of Wholesale Lumber Dealers convened in annual session at Saginaw, Mich., on the 4th.

JAMES GALLAGHER, a telegraph operator, who was the cause of a fatal train wreck that occurred while he was stationed at Warren, Mo., was found insane at Chicago on the 5th. The charge that he was a murderer through carelessness shattered his reason.

THERE were renewed disturbances at Madrid on the 4th and demonstrations of popular anger against the United States. The students assembled before the university and there publicly burned an American flag. The police dispersed the meeting, after making several arrests.

THE fire in the Bozeman tunnel near Helena, Mont., was burning fiercely on the 4th with no prospect of extinguishing it. The damage was beyond estimate and the tunnel will be a total wreck.

W. J. CAMPBELL, republican national committeeman from Illinois, died in Chicago on the 4th of pneumonia.

A LETTER has been received in New York from Miss Clara Barton, of the Red Cross society, from Para, Turkey, in which she expressed gratitude at the concessions of the Turkish sultan.

A DETACHMENT of Cuban insurgents belonging to Maceo's force captured the fort at Santa Cruz. They released the prisoners and kept the arms and ammunition. In the province of Pinar del Rio 13 villages and towns had been burned by the insurgents up to date.

G. OLDFHOUSE, a carpenter, and his wife and five children were burned to death in their house near Alma, Wis. Neighbors found the bodies in the ruins.

AMERICA FOR GOD.

Dr. Talmage on the Advance of Christianity.

America the Favored Land for the Spread of the Gospel—Sin Being Traditionally Suppressed in This Favored Country.

In a late sermon at Washington Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage discoursed on a subject of national importance. His text was from Revelations xiii:11: "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spake as a dragon." Dr. Talmage said:

Is America mentioned in the Bible? Learned and consecrated men who have studied the inspired books of Daniel and Revelation more than I have and understood them better, agree in saying that the leopard mentioned in the Bible meant Greece, and the bear meant Medo-Persia, and the lion meant Babylon, and the beast of the text, coming up out of the earth with two horns like a lamb and the voice of a dragon, means our country, because among other reasons it seemed to come up out of the earth when Columbus discovered it, and it has been for the most part at peace like a lamb, unless assailed by foreign foe, in which case it had two horns, strong and sharp, and the voice of a dragon loud enough to make all nations hear the roar of its indignation. Is it reasonable to suppose that God would leave out from the prophecies of His book this whole western hemisphere? No, no. "I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon."

Germany for scholarship. England for manufactures. France for manners. Egypt for antiquities. Italy for pictures. But America for God.

I start with the cheering thought that the most popular book on earth to-day is the Bible, the most popular institution on earth to-day is the church, and the most popular name on earth to-day is Jesus. Right from this audience hundreds of men and women would, if need be, march out and die for Him.

Am I too confident in saying "America for God?" If the Lord will help me I will show the strength and extent of the long line of fortresses to be taken, and give you my reasons for saying it can be done. Let us decide, in this battle for God, whether we are at Bull Run or at Gettysburg. There is a Fourth of July war of bragging about this country, and the most tired and plucked bird that ever flew through the heavens is the American eagle, so much so that Mr. Gladstone said to me facetiously at Hawarden: "I hear that the fish in your American lakes are so large that when one of them is taken out the entire lake is perceptibly lowered," and at a dinner given in Paris an American offered for a sentiment: "Here is to the United States—banded on the north by the aurora borealis, on the south by the procession of the equinoxes, on the east by primeval chaos, and on the west by the day of judgment." The effect of such grandiloquence is to discredit the real facts, which are so tremendous they need no garlanding. The worst thing to do in any campaign, military or religious, is to underestimate an enemy, and I will take no part in such attempt at belittlement.

This land to be taken for God, according to Hassel, the statistician, has 14,219,967 square miles, a width and length that none but the Omnipotent can appreciate. Four Europeans put together, and capable of holding and feeding, as it will hold and feed, according to Atkinson, the statistician, if the world continues in existence and does not run afoul of some other world or get consumed by the fires already burning in the cellars of the planet—capable, I say, of holding and feeding more than 1,000,000,000 of inhabitants. For you must remember it must be held for God, as well as taken for God, and the last 500,000,000 inhabitants not be allowed to swamp the religion of the first 500,000,000. Not much use taking the fortress if we cannot hold it. It must be held until the archangel's trumpet bids living and dead arise from this foundering planet.

You must remember it is only about seven o'clock in the morning of our nation's life. Great cities are to flash and roar among what are called the "Bad Lands" of the Dakotas and the great "Columbia Plains" of Washington state, and that on which we put our schoolboy fingers on the map and spelled out as the "Great American Desert," is, through systematic and consummating irrigation, to bloom like Chatsworth park, and be made more productive than those regions dependent upon uncertain and spasmodic rainfall. All those regions, as well as those regions already cultivated, to be inhabited! That was a sublime thing said by Henry Clay, while crossing the Allegheny mountains, and he was waiting for the stage horses to be rested, as he stood on a rock, arms folded, looking off into the valley, and someone said to him: "Mr. Clay, what are you thinking about?" He replied: "I am listening to the on-coming tramp of the future generation of America."

Have you laid our home missionary scheme on such an infinitude of scale? If the work of bringing one soul to God is so great, can a thousand million be captured? In this country, already planted and to be overcome, paganism has built its altar to Brahma, and the Chinese are already burning incense in their temples, and Mohammedanism, drunk in other days with the red wine of human blood at Lucknow and Cawnpore, and now fresh from the diabolism in Armenia, is trying to get a foothold here, and from the minarets of her mosques will yet mumble her blasphemies, saying, "God is great, and Mohammed is His prophet." Then there are the vaster multitudes with no religion at all. They worship no God, they live with no consolation, and they die with no hope. No star of peace points down

to the manger in which they are born, and no prayer is uttered over the grave into which they sink. Then there is alcoholism, its piled up demijohns and beer barrels, and hogheads of fiery death, a barricade high and long as the Alleghenies and Rockies and Sierra Nevada, pouring fourth day and night their ammunition of wretchedness and woe. When a German wants to take a drink, he takes beer. When an Englishman wants to take a drink, he takes ale. When a Scotchman wants to take a drink, he takes whisky. But when an American wants to take a drink, he takes anything he can lay his hands on.

Plenty of statistics to tell how much money is spent in this country for rum, and how many drunkards die! But who will give us the statistics of how many hearts are crushed under the heel of this worst demon of the centuries? How many hopes blasted? How many children turned out on the world, accursed with stigma of a debauched ancestry?

Then there is what in America we call socialism, in France communism, and in Russia nihilism, the three names for one and the same thing—and having but two doctrines in its creed: First, there is no God; second, there shall be no rights of property. One of their chief journals printed this sentiment: "Dynamite can be made out of the dead bodies of capitalists as well as out of hogs."

Socialism, communism and nihilism mean, "too wicked to acknowledge God, and too lazy to earn a living," and among the mightiest obstacles to be overcome are those organized elements of domestic, social and political ruin.

There also are the fastnesses of infidelity, and atheism, and fraud, and political corruption, and multimillion, hydra-headed, million-armed abominations all over the land. While the mightiest agencies for righteousness on earth are good and healthful newspapers and good and healthful books, and our chief dependence for intelligence and Christian achievement is upon them, what word among the more than 100,000 words in our vocabulary can describe the work of that archangel of mischief, a corrupt literature? What man, attempting anything for God and humanity, has escaped a stroke of its filthy wing? What good cause has escaped its hindrance? What other obstacle in all the land so appalling? But I cannot name more than one-half the battlements, the bastions, the intrenchments, the redoubts, the fortifications to be stormed and overcome if this country is ever taken for God. The statistics are so awful that if we had nothing but the multiplication table and the arithmetic, the attempt to evangelize America would be an absurdity higher than the tower of Babel before it dropped on the plain of Shinar.

Our Leader, like most great leaders, was born in an obscure place, and it was a humble home, about five miles, from Jerusalem. Those who were out of doors that night said that there was stellar commotion, and music that came out of the clouds, as though the front door of Heaven had been set open, and that the angels heard His first infantile cry. Then He came to the fairest boyhood that mother was ever proud of, and from 12 to 30 years of age was off in India, if traditions there are accurate, and then returned to His native land, and for three years had His pathway surrounded by blind eyes that He illumined, and epileptic patients to whom He gave rubicund health, and tongues that He loosed from silence into song, and those whose funerals He stopped that He might give back to bereaved mothers their only boys, and those whose fevered pulses He had restored into rhythmic throb, and whose paralytic limbs He had warmed into healthful circulation—pastor at Capernaum, but flaming evangelist everywhere, hushing crying tempests and turning rolling seas into solid sapphire, and for the rescue of a race submitted to court room filled with howling miscreants, and to a martyrdom at the sight of which the sun faded and fell back in the heavens, and then treading the clouds homeward, like snowy mountain peaks, till Heaven took Him back again, more a favorite than He had ever been; but, coming again, He is on earth now, and the nations are gathering to His standard. Follow Him where the Scotch Covenanters, the Theban legion, the victims of the London Haymarket, the Piedmontese sufferers, the Pilgrim fathers, the Huguenots and uncounted multitudes of the past, joined by about 400,000,000 of the present, and with the certainty that all nations shall huzrah at His chariot wheel, He goes forth, the moon under His feet and the stars of heaven for His tiara—the mighty Leader, he of Drumclog, and Bothwell Bridge, and Bannockburn, and the One who overwhelmed Spanish Armada, "coming up from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, traveling in the greatness of His strength, mighty to save," and behind whom we fall into line to-day and march in the campaign that is to take America for God. Hosanna! Hosanna! Wave all the palm branches! At His feet put down your silver and your gold, as in Heaven you will cast before Him your coronets.

With such a Leader do you think we can do it? Say, don't you think we can? Why, many ramparts have already been taken. Where is American slavery? Gone, and the south, as heartily as the north, prays "Peace to its ashes." Where is bestial polygamy? Gone, by the fiat of the United States government, urged on by Christian sentiment, and Mormonism, having retreated in 1830 from Fayette, N. Y., to Kirikland, O., and in 1835 retreated to Missouri, and in 1846 retreated to Salt Lake City, now divorced from its superfluity of wives, will soon retreat into the Pacific, and no basin smaller than an ocean could wash out its pollutions. Illiteracy going down under the word of Slater and Peabody funds, and Sabbath schools of all the churches of all denominations! Paganism now made unlawful by congressional enactment, the brutal custom knocked out in the first round! Corruption at

the ballot-box, by law of registration and other safeguards, made almost impossible! Churches twice as large as the old ones, the enlarged supply to meet the enlarged demand! Nihilism, getting a stunning stroke by the summary execution of its exponents after they had murdered the policemen in Chicago, received its death-blow from the recent treaty which sends back to Russia the blatant criminals who had been regurgitated on our American shore. The very things that have been quoted as perils to this nation are going to help its salvation. Great cities, so often mentioned as great obstacles—the center of crime and the reservoirs of all iniquities—are to lead in the work of gospelization.

Another thing quoted pessimistically is the vast and overpowering fortunes in this country, and they say it means concentrated wealth, and luxuriousness, and display, and moral ruin. It is my observation that it is people who have but limited resources who make the most splurge, and I ask you who are endowing colleges and theological seminaries: Did you ever here of Peter Cooper, and James Lenox, and the Lawrences, Amos and Abbott, while refrain from mentioning living benefactors, who, quite as generous and Christian, are in this assembly, at this moment planning what they can do in these days, and in their last will and testament in this campaign that proposes taking America for God? The widow's mite, honored of the Lord, is to have its part in this continental capture; but we must have more than that, and more right away. Many of the men that expect to get the blessing for bestowing the widow's mite will not get the blessing. In the first place, they are not widows, and in the next place, they have no "mite."

"The time is coming—hasten it, Lord!—and I think you and I will see it, when as Joseph, the wealthy Aramaean, gave for the dead Christ a costly mausoleum, the affluent men and women of this country will rise in their strength and build for our King, one Jesus, the throne of this American continent."

Another thing quoted for discouragement, but which I quote for encouragement, is foreign immigration—now that from Castle Garden we turn back by the first poor ship the foreign vagabondism—we are getting people, the vast majority of whom come to make an honest living; among them some of the bravest and best. If you should turn back from this land to Europe the foreign ministers of the gospel, and the foreign attorneys, and the foreign merchants, and the foreign philanthropists, what a robbery of our pulpits, our court rooms, our storehouses and our beneficent institutions, and what a putting back of every monetary, merciful, moral and religious interest of the land! This commingling here of all the nationalities under the blessing of God will produce in 75 or 100 years the most magnificent style of man and woman the world ever saw. They will have the wit of one race, the eloquence of another race, the kindness of another, the generosity of another, the high moral character of another.

But now what are the weapons by which, under our Omnipotent Leader, the real obstacles in the way of our country's evangelization, the 10,000 mile Sebastopol, are to be leveled? The first columbiad, with range enough to sweep from eternity to eternity, is the Bible, millions of its copies going out, millions on millions—this, the monarch of books, that has made all the difference between China and the United States, between Africa and America; a book declaring in every style of phraseology that all nations are to be converted, and does not that include our nation? If the Apocalyptic angel is to fly across the continent, will he not fly across this continent? The worst insult I could offer you would be to doubt your veracity, and shall we doubt God's promise? Then there are the gospel batteries, manned by 70,000 pastors and home missionaries, over the head of each one of whom is the shield of Divine protection, and in the right hand of each one the gleaming, two-edged sword of the Infinite Spirit! Hundreds of thousands of private soldiers for Christ, marching under the one-starred, blood-streaked flag of Emanuel! They are marching on! Episcopacy, with the sublime roll of its liturgies; Methodism, with its battle cry of "The sword of the Lord and John Wesley;" the Baptist church, with its glorious navy sailing up our Oregon and Sacramento and Mississippi; and Presbyterianism, moving on with the battle cry of "The sword of the Lord and John Knox." And then, after awhile will come the great tidings of revival, sweeping over the land, the 500,000 conversions in 1857 eclipsed by the salvation of millions in a day, and the four American armies of the Lord's host marching toward each other, the eastern army marching west, the western army marching east, the northern army marching south, the southern army marching north; shoulder to shoulder! Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! Until they meet mid-continent, having taken America for God!

The thunder of the bombardment is already in the air, and when the last bridge of opposition is taken, and the last portcullis of Satan is lifted, and the last tower dismantled, and the last charger of iniquity shall have been hurled back upon its haunches, what a time of rejoicing! We will see it, not with these eyes, which before that will be closed in blessed sleep, but with strong and better vision, when the Lord once in awhile gives us a vacation among the doxologies to come down and see the dear old land which I pray may always be the land of the text, mild and peaceful, inoffensive, but in case foreign nations assail it, having two horns of army and navy strong enough to hook them back and hook them down, and a voice louder than a dragon, yea, louder than ten thousand thunders, saying to the billows of Asiatic superstition and European arrogance, "Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther, and there shall thy proud waves be stayed!"